

IN RECOGNITION OF DELLA O.
WEBB

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 15, 2010

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I would like to request the House's attention today to pay recognition to Della O. Webb who celebrated her 103rd birthday September 15th.

Ms. Webb was born into a family of eight brothers. Her father was a sharecropper. She was raised in Alexandria, Alabama where she helped pick cotton and walked three miles to school every day.

Della married the late Ira W. Webb on October 21, 1923, and raised four children: Donald, Margaret, Doris and Judy in Blue Mountain. Ira worked in the local pipe shop and Della worked at Blue Mountain Cotton Mill and later in the school lunch room.

She attended church at Edgewood Church in Blue Mountain, and later helped start Saks Baptist Church where she was active in her Sunday school class and the quilting group.

I wish Ms. Webb a very happy birthday and many more.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPH N.
DIVINCENZO, JR.

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PASCRELL. Madam Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an outstanding individual, Mr. Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr., who will be recognized on October 23, 2010, by the Columbian Foundation for his many years of service working to reform Essex County's finances while improving its facilities.

Joe first entered into public office in Essex County as a member of the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, a position which he held for 13 years. For eight of those 13 years, Joe served as the President of the Board. In 2003, Joe took office as the fifth Essex County Executive, a position which he continues to hold after being re-elected in 2006.

In the seven and one-half years since he took office, Joe has drastically changed the face of Essex County. He has successfully reduced government inefficiency by cutting expenditures and eliminating unnecessary contracts.

With the money that he has saved through these calculated spending cuts, Joe has been able to fund improvements to the community. He opened an Environmental Center, aided in the expansion and improvement of the Turtle Back Zoo, guided the restoration of the his-

toric Courthouse, and revamped the Government Complex.

In addition, Joe has worked to assist the community through the construction of a new correctional facility in Newark, a new psychiatric hospital center in Cedar Grove and a new prosecutor's crime scene investigative headquarters.

Another commitment Joe has followed through on has been to clean up and expand the county's parks, playgrounds and preservation areas to improve the common space for all citizens.

Joe has also been dedicated to the issue of ethical reform. He established an Ethics Board and created the position of Inspector General to ensure that there is a high standard for ethical behavior in local government and businesses within Essex County.

Joe has been an outstanding leader in the community whose actions as an Essex County Executive have changed the county for the better. I know he will continue to strive for the same goals in the future.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to working with and recognizing the efforts of dedicated community servants like Joseph DiVincenzo, Jr.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, the residents of Essex County, the Columbian Foundation, Joe's family and friends, and me in recognizing Joe DiVincenzo's outstanding service to his community.